

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action mailed September 5, 2003. Applicant submits herewith a Revocation of Power of Attorney and Appointment of New Attorney.

The Examiner indicates that Applicant is required to make a positive affirmation that there is no assignee in the patent from the inventor. Applicant submits herewith a Statement of Non-Assignment indicating that there is no assignee in the patent from the owner.

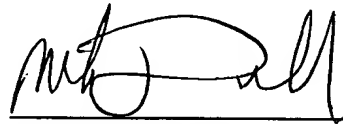
The Examiner has indicated that the re-issue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective because it fails to contain a statement that all errors which are being corrected in the reissue application *up to the time of filing* of the oath/declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. As a result, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 as being based upon the defective declaration. Applicant submits herewith a new oath/declaration. Applicant believes that this rejection has been obviated in view of the new oath/declaration.

Applicant has cancelled Claims 19-20. In view of the foregoing, allowance of claims 1-18, pending in this application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant.

Applicant also submits herewith a "Statement as to Loss of Original Patent."

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional fee that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1781 of Locke Liddell & Sapp, LLP.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'm. dubner', written over a horizontal line.

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